

EFFECTIVE

November 1, 2022.

Subject(s)

Policy updates made due to changes in state law as it pertains to the central registry reform.

PSM 712-3, Coordination With Prosecuting Attorney And Law Enforcement***Definitions*****Serious Physical Harm/Severe Physical Injury**

Severe physical injury means serious physical harm to a child, as defined in MCL 750.136b. Serious physical harm means any physical injury that seriously impairs the child's health or physical well-being, including but not limited to, brain damage, a skull or bone fracture, subdural hemorrhage or hematoma, dislocation, sprain, internal injury, poisoning, burn or scald, or severe cut.

The word complaint will be changed throughout all policies to the word referral to reflect a more strength-based approach.

Grammatical

Grammatical changes including changing MiSACWIS to electronic case management system and updating to gender neutral language.

PSM 715-3, Initiating Court Intervention and Court Hearings***Definitions******Serious Physical Harm/Severe Physical Injury***

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Sexual Abuse: A confirmed case that involves sexual penetration, sexual contact, attempted sexual penetration, or assault with intent to penetrate as those terms are defined in section 520a of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.520a.

The word complaint will be changed throughout all policies to the word referral to reflect a more strength-based approach.

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Petition Requirements - Section 8d(1)(e) (MCL 722.628d(1)(e)).

Child abuse in the 3rd degree is not included as an offense that requires a mandatory petition; however, this does not prevent Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) from filing a petition and/or getting another opinion from the local prosecutor.

Right To Be Heard

The caseworker must communicate to the child about wanting to attend or speak in court. The caseworker must relay this information to the Lawyer-Guardian Ad Litem or Guardian Ad Litem to afford the child an opportunity to have their voice heard regarding their case.

Reason: Changes in statute as a result of the central registry reform and Program Office suggestions.

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